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From the Board:

The President's Letter

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. As our community celebrates, we hope that all have a season full of peace and joy.



The Winter Holiday Season brings with it the close of one year and the beginning of a new one. As we at Telegraph Landing prepare for 2010, we also begin to prepare for the next Board elections. Part of the preparation for elections is the call for nominations. Are you an owner in good standing financially (current with all fiscal responsibility to the Association)? If so, is this the right time for you step forward and serve your Association?

At our January Board Meeting, we will nominate candidates to fill the three Board positions that will be up for election in 2010. My time on the Board has shown me that there are some characteristics that facilitate a well functioning Board. Our Association currently faces many challenges - maintaining a stable financial state, large expensive projects (the windows, the plaza membrane to name two), the current litigation - and to do so successfully, each Board member must be able to critically evaluate the information presented, participate in constructive discussion, and work toward consensus. Integrity, honesty, strong communication skills, and a commitment to maintaining transparency are equally important and are critical to meet the challenges. Board members must be able to commit the time to serve. Additionally, Board members must be willing to put the best interests of the Association first, even when those might conflict with their personal best interests.

Does this describe you or someone you know well? At our January meeting, we will be calling for nominations. Each member of the Association who meets the criteria to be a Board member may either nominate himself/herself or be nominated by another member. If you cannot attend the Board meeting, you may make the nomination in writing to the attention of the Board prior to January 26, 2010. Please leave written nominations with the on site office or at the front desk.

If you are interested in serving the Association in some fashion, but becoming a Board Member is not quite right, please consider volunteering for one of our committees when the call comes out in the Spring. The Board depends on the Committees to provide input into key areas of operations. Committees provide another way to become involved in your Association and are an excellent way to start if you have not previously been involved.

If you have questions about serving on a committee or the Board, please feel free to

contact any of the current Board members. Our e-mails are all on the Web site. Serving on the Board presents challenges, but the rewards of seeing the improvements in our community makes everything worthwhile. We welcome the nomination of those who wish to work collaboratively toward an even better Association.

- Kathi

TL News & Views:

Pan'elope's Pointers

Dear Pan'elope:

I have taken all the energy-saving measures within my unit suggested by the Energy and Conservation Committee and wonder if you have additional suggestions for helping keep electric costs down at TL.

- A concerned resident



Dear Concerned:

The stairways are a good place to help. The new elevators are saving TL considerable amounts of electric watts: 19.89 watts per hour compared to 150 watts per hour in the old cabs. The new cab lighting saves approximately \$3,000 per year.

Speaking of lighting, substituting a string of Led's for incandescent bulbs generates a 75% decrease in wattage/costs.

However, by walking the stairs instead of riding residents can reduce electricity costs even more. Not up to climbing stairs, walk down and save some kilowatt minutes. Pan'elope, who can flit about uses the stairs often. We goddesses usually flitted only when descending or ascending Olympus.

- P

Dear Genial Residents and Readers:

Some of my furry friends tell me they prefer lighted rooms and the sound of voices when their people are away. (Yes, Pan'elope communicates with the fauna of the world. She especially likes unicorns.) If you reside with some of these adorable creatures consider my tips: install motion-sensitive lighting; keep a small battery-operated radio tuned to a talk radio station; and use LED night lights in some rooms/areas. - P

Other Stuff

And while we're all aware of ways to recycle & conserve energy, what about the other stuff that can pile up in your drawers & medicine cabinets?

- **Eye glasses** – yes, other people can use them. The Lion's club distributes them to the needy of the world. The nearest collection center is 1734 Divisadero. (continued p. 2)

